

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

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**DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Yolo County Board of
Supervisors*

Cities of San Joaquin County

The Delta Protection Commission, charged with preserving, protecting and enhancing the agricultural, habitat and recreation resources of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, announces that Erik Vink has been appointed to serve the Commission as the new Executive Director, effective August 27, 2013. Mr. Vink is a seasoned land and water conservationist with more than 25 years of experience working with public officials, agricultural and conservation interests. For the last 10 years he was The Trust for Public Land's Central Valley Program Director, responsible for open space preservation and agricultural land protection. In addition, he has served as a Director of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for more than 12 years. Previously, Mr. Vink led the Division of Land Resource Protection at the California Department of Conservation, responsible for California's agricultural land conservation programs, including the California Farmland Conservancy Program, Williamson Act, and Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

*Cities of Contra Costa and
Solano Counties*

*Cities of Sacramento and
Yolo Counties*

Central Delta Reclamation Districts

North Delta Reclamation Districts

South Delta Reclamation Districts

*Business, Transportation and
Housing*

Mr. Vink will lead the Delta Protection Commission in its efforts to protect the overall quality of the Delta environment and ensure the balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources. His predecessor, former Senator Michael Machado, led the Commission from 2010 until his retirement in July 2013. Mr. Machado previously served 14 years as a member of the California Legislature, representing the Delta region in both the Senate and Assembly.

*Department of Food and
Agriculture*

Natural Resources Agency

State Lands Commission

The Delta Protection Commission, created under the 1992 Delta Protection Act, is a State Commission comprised of 15 members representing Delta cities and counties, reclamation districts and water agencies, and State departments. The Commission provides a forum

for Delta residents to engage in decisions regarding actions to recognize and enhance the unique cultural, recreation, and agricultural resources of the Delta.

The Delta Protection Commission meets every other month at locations throughout the Delta. Meeting notices and other information about the Commission is available at www.delta.ca.gov or by calling (916) 375-4800.